

**§ 68.5 Waivers.**

The Commission may, upon the application of any interested person, initiate a proceeding to waive the requirements of § 68.4(a)(1) with respect to new telephones, or telephones associated with a new technology or service. The Commission shall not grant such a waiver unless it determines, on the basis of evidence in the record of such proceeding, that such telephones, or such technology or service, are in the public interest, and that (a) compliance with the requirements of § 68.4(a)(1) is technologically infeasible, or (b) compliance with such requirements would increase the costs of the telephones, or of the technology or service, to such an extent that such telephones, technology, or service could not be successfully marketed. In any proceeding under this section to grant a waiver from the requirements of § 68.4(a)(1), the Commission shall consider the effect on hearing-impaired individuals of granting the waiver. The Commission shall periodically review and determine the continuing need for any waiver granted pursuant to this section.

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**§ 68.6 Telephones with volume control.**

As of November 1, 1998, all telephones, including cordless telephones, as defined in § 15.3(j) of this chapter, manufactured in the United States (other than for export) or imported for use in the United States, must have volume control in accordance with § 68.317. Secure telephones, as defined by § 68.3, are exempt from this section, as are telephones used with public mobile services or private radio services.

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### Subpart B—Conditions on Use of Terminal Equipment

**§ 68.100 General.**

In accordance with the rules and regulations in subpart B of this part, terminal equipment may be directly connected to the public switched telephone

network and to those private line services included in § 68.2(a).

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**§ 68.102 Registration requirement.**

Terminal equipment must be registered in accordance with the rules and regulations in subpart C of this part, or connected through registered protective circuitry, which is registered in accordance with the rules and regulations in subpart C of this part.

**§ 68.104 Means of connection.**

(a) *General.* Any jack installed by the telephone company at, or constituting, the demarcation point shall conform to subpart F of this part. Subject to the requirements of § 68.213, connection of wiring and terminal equipment to the telephone network may be made through a jack conforming to subpart F or by direct attachment to carrier-installed wiring including, but not limited to, splicing, bridging, twisting and soldering. Telephone company-provided ringers may be connected to the network in accordance with the carrier's reasonable and nondiscriminatory standard operating practices. Connection to the network of wiring subject to § 68.215 and terminal equipment used therewith shall be through telephone company-provided jacks conforming to subpart F of this part, in such a manner as to allow for easy and immediate disconnection.

(b) *Data equipment.* Where a customer desires to connect data equipment which has been registered in accordance with § 68.308(b)(4)(i) or (ii), he shall notify the telephone company of each telephone line to which he intends to connect such equipment. The telephone company after determining the attenuation of each such telephone line between the interface and the telephone company central office, will make such connections as are necessary in each standard data jack which it will install, so as to allow the maximum signal power delivered by such data equipment to the telephone company central office to reach but not exceed the maximum allowable signal power permitted at the telephone company central office.